

TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9281-4579
Serial No. 10/607,238	Filing Date June 25, 2003	Examiner To be Assigned.	Group Art Unit 2862
Inventor: Naoya Hasegawa et al.			
Title of Invention GMR MAGNETIC DETECTING ELEMENT COMPRISING CURRENT LIMITING LAYER PROVIDED IN FREE MAGNETIC LAYER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE DETECTING ELEMENT			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate); PTO Form 1449; Copy of Search Report for Great Britain Patent Application No. 0314044.9; References C1-C2 and Return Postcard

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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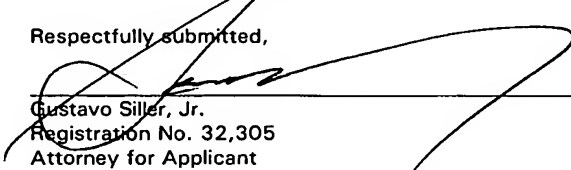
Claims as Filed	Col. 1	Col. 2
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Basic Fee		
Total Claims	-20	
Indep. Claims	-3	
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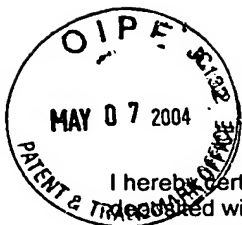
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Serial No. 10/607,238)
Filing Date: June 25, 2003)
For: Gmr Magnetic Detecting Element)
Comprising Current Limiting Layer Provided In)
Free Magnetic Layer And Method Of)
Manufacturing The Detecting Element)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit references C1-C2 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

In conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, Applicants state that each item of information contained herein was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the supplemental information disclosure statement. Also enclosed is a copy of the

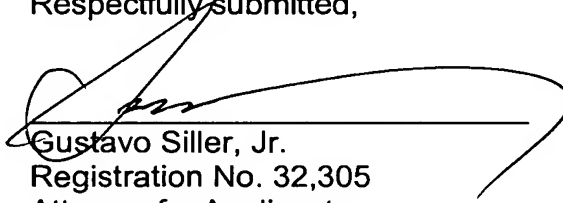
Search Report that issued on March 16, 2004 for the corresponding Great Britian Patent Application No. 0314044.9 of the above-identified application.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(b). Further, Applicants reserve the right to contest these references as prior art against the present application, and Applicants do not believe that the disclosure of these references, even if finally determined to be prior art, anticipates Applicants' invention or that these references make Applicants' invention obvious.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION			U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS			
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	C1	2002-0051330	05/2002	Petrus Antonius Van der Heijden et al.		
	C2	2002-0135956	09/2002	Naoya Hasegawa et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES	NO

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